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Dennis L. Lauper

From The Publisher's Notebook

History repeated itself, after fifty years we started to school again. This time it was to the Brigham Young University to attend the "Fifth Annual PRIESTHOOD GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR, "during the first week in August.

The seminar is sponsored by the Genealogical society in conjunction with the BYU each year for all who are interested in personal genealogical research and or ward and stake priesthood leaders who need direction in their assignment. Classes are held hourly during five days which are taught by BYU professors and specialists from Church headquarters including some of the General Authorities.

All in all, it was informational, instructive, and inspirational and very much worthwhile. Better mark your calendars for next year to include it as part of your vacation . . . it will be held on Aug. 2-6, 1971.

We met a number of people from California, including some who used to live here and wanted to be remembered to their friends:

President David and Carmen Stephens from Oklahoma City, formerly of the Oakland IV Ward.

Elden Stephenson, one time resident of San Francisco.

Owen J. Cook, PhD., Administrative assistant at BYU, formerly in the Walnut Creek Stake Presidency.

Marjorie Cowley, wife of the former Bishop in El Sobrante, Calif.

Frank and George Nackos. Both grew up in Oakland. Frank now teaches at the "Y", while George is there to get his Masters.

Brother and Sister Oliver Ostergard who were early and longtime residents of the East Bay mormon colony.

A surprise meeting in the University Bookstore was to see three generations of beautiful women in the persons of Ivie J. Spencer, Jennie L. Tait, and Janet B. Anderson—shopping together and having a wonderful time.

There were also the Cecil Bullocks of Oakland, then San Jose, and now of Salt Lake with their relatives, the John Storheims of San Francisco.

Young, Leland H. Wright, Jr. now a successful and dedicated fulltime seminary teacher near Salt Lake where he has also served in the Bishopric of his ward.

President & Sister Francis M. Zimmerman who is in his eighteenth year as president of the Long Beach Stake.

TEMPLE PAGEANT SIDELIGHT:

William Beckwith, owner of Carpet Craft had been called to the Interstake Center to measure the auditorium for new capret . . . a task which would normally take no more than half an hour, became so engrossed with the young people rehearsing for this local Mormon epic that he stayed for two hours. Said that it was an astonishing sight to behold that many young people engaged in a church sponsored activity.

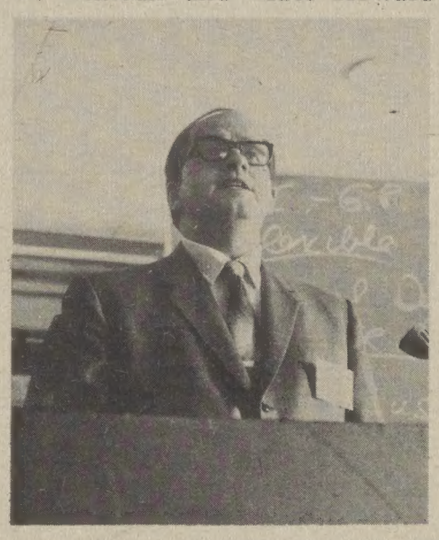
GENERAL AUTHORITIES VACATION:

It is common knowledge that no stake conferences are held in July so that the General Authorities of the Church may take a much needed vacation. From the Beneficial Life Insurance Company's Bulletin we learn where some of our leaders spent their vacation.

Early in July the Church's wholly owned life insurance company held its annual sales convention in Mexico City. In addition to the company staff, and outstanding producers, it was attended by President Joseph Fielding Smith, President N. Eldon Tanner, Elder Spender W. Kimball and Elder Howard W. Hunter with their wives. These brethren serve as officers and directors of the firm in addition to their ecclesiastical duties.

Portrait of the editor

By Pat Benson



HAL J. COBURN

In addition to the several business and church meetings held they were able to have tours to famous archaeological sites of Book of Mormon significance, as well as visits to other places of interest in the city, time for shopping and relaxing. There was an awards banquet at which Joel Gold of the Hayward Stake Presidency was recognized as "Man of the Year." Other local producers who attended was Preston Williams of Danville Ward, Walnut Creek Stake, and Hol J. Coburn of Pleasanton, manager of Beneficial Life for Northern California. President and Sister Smith sand a "do-it" as part of the program which followed.

PRESTON WILLIAMS

Castro Valley Ward Installs New Bishopric

Seated left to right: Carl Wachter, First Counselor; Neuman C. Brown, Bishop; Hal Kindred, Second Counselor, Standing, left - Marcel Andres, Financial Clerk; right, Edmund Shurtleff, Ward Clerk.

by Wynona B. Halladay, Reporter

BISHOP NEUMAN C. BROWN was born in Thatcher, Arizona, December 14, 1912. He was the twelfth child born to William Ferguson Brown and Rachel Barney Brown. He moved to Los Angeles, Ca. in 1929. Through his activities in the MIA he met Lucille Bowen, whom he married in the St. George Temple September 3, 1935. Shortly thereafter they moved to Oakland where he continued to serve in various positions in the church; primarily in the MIA for some twenty years as a dance director, superintendent, age group & activity counselor and basketball coach. He is a Master M-Man. He also served as the superintendent of Sunday School, and was a counselor under Bishop Glenn Rounds of the Oakland Second Ward. After moving to Castro Valley in 1956, he was installed as the Stake MIA Age Group Counselor for three years; then he became the Stake Secretary to the Aaronic Priesthood Committee. He was called to serve on the High Council in 1961, where he continued to serve until his recent calling as Bishop of our ward.

He and Lucille have two sons, Claude and Douglas, and six grandchildren who live in San Jose. Bishop Brown is the office manager for the Chip Steak Company in Oakland.

FIRST COUNSELOR, CARL WACHTER was born in Berkeley, September 27, 1916 as the eldest of two sons to Carl F. Wachter, Sr. and Irene Betty Wachter. He attended elementary school in Berkeley, then moved to East Oakland where he graduated from Castlemont, then on to attend the University of California. Carl was an avid athlete despite his small stature. He played Varsity football First String, and All City, 2nd String.

Carl started attending the church with some friends who were members. He met Alina at MIA in 1936. Three years later they were married in the Elmhurst Chapel. One year later he was baptized. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II, then in 1948 he started working at the Oakland Fire Department and is still in their employment.

He has been very active in the church holding positions as dance director, M-Man teacher, Elders Quorum Counselor, Boy Scout Chairman, Scout Master, Explorer Advisor, YMMIA Superintendent and statistical clerk.

He and Alina have two children, Larry, born in 1940; Lynne in 1943. In 1955 Carl and Alina were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Carl has a very strong Testimony and feels most humble about his new calling.

SECOND COUNSELOR, HAL KINDRED was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He graduated from BYU in 1954, then moved to St. Louis, Missouri for forther dental study at the Washington University School of Dentistry, where he graduated in 1958.

Hal was sent to California to serve as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of his duty at Treasure Island in 1960, he opened his dental office in Castro Valley.

He has served in the following church positions: Elders Quorum President, Sunday School teacher, Priests Quorum Advisor, Stake Sunday School Superintendent, Athletic Director and completed a Stake Mission whilc in St. Louis.

He married Dorothy Meyer in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1953. They have five daughters, Along with his other duties, Hal recently served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Alameda County Dental Society.

Ezra Taft Benson Tells Important Changes

At a Saturday night meeting for Oakland-Berkeley Stake priesthood and auxiliary leaders, Edler Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, discussed several charges which he said are important in these days of great pressures on us and on the youth of this church:

(1) There are many brethren who do not hold the Melchizedek Priesthood. Something happened. We've made a little gain, but let's not give up on them, nor on their posterity.

(2) Also, there are great groups of men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood, but are not honoring it, magnifying it. Activity will bring them happiness . . . keep at it . . . step it up if you can.

(3) We hope you can make the program for service men work. There are insidious and devious temptations facing them. No man should enter the service of his country without a talk with his Bishop. A departing service man should be invited to talk in Sacrament Service.

(4) Keep the Church clean. We have an obligation to keep the Lord's law. Keep in mind the sinner, restitution and repentance.

(5) Temple Recommends and other blessings should come as a reward for faithful living. Reformation should take place outside the Temple.

(6) Young people should be interviewed by the Bishop at least once a year.

(7) We need more missionaries . . . a lot more. We have 13,000 full-time and 5,000 stake. We could use 25,000 to 30,000. We could use couples with church experience.

(8) Scouting is not an optional program. It is part of our official program for boys.

(9) Pray in secret. Pray as a family. Don't neglect prayer . . . there is no greater need today. Make a conscious effort for we need more prayer in the Church today.

Southern Calif. Mormon Choir Here Sept. 26

The 150-voice Mormon choir of Southern California will return to the Bay Area for a special one-night appearance Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8:15 p.m., at the Interstake Center.

Sponsored by the Marin Stake as a building fund project, the choir will be directed by Frederick Davis. Helen Cartwright will accompany the choir.

The famous choir has appeared at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Opera House, the Redwoods Bowl, the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, the Los Vegas Civic Auditorium, and has achieved wide acclaim for its annual performance of The Messiah at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium.

The choir was organized in 1953 with the approval of President David O. McKay, and has made over 100 national broadcasts and appeared on the Dinah Shore and Steve Allen Shows.

Admission is by ticket only. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Suggested donation is $5.

For tickets, call The Messenger at 351-2298. Stake Presidents and Bishops who desire blocks of tickets to be resold as a stake or ward fund raising project, please call O. William Olsen at 892-2675.

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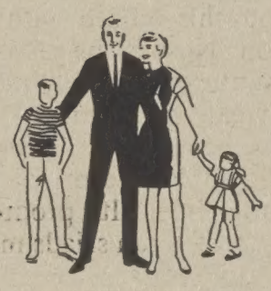

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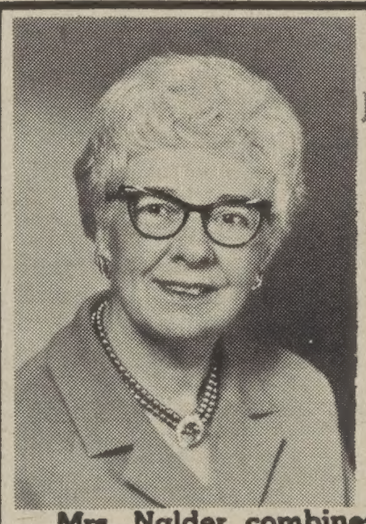

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Please accept our assurances that we are making every effort to avoid future mistakes in ad copy and layout.

-Dennis L. Lauper, Publisher
-Morgan D. King, Editor

FOR SHOCK

BYU Begins Orientation Courses For 125 Indians

To help prepare them for the adjustment to college life, 125 American Indian students representing almost every major tribe began a six-week orientation course at Brigham Young University Monday.

The program is intended not only to provide the young Indians a review of their academic skills but also to enrich their cultural background in preparation for the shock of intensive university study.

The new approach to an old Indian problem was made possible by a grant of $25,000 from the William H. Donner Foundation of New York in cooperation with BYU. BYU provides 19 full-time and 8 part-time faculty members and a total of about $200,000 annually in American Indian programs.

The Donner Foundation also awarded BYU $60,000 for Indian leadership development, which will begin after the opening of the fall semester.

Rondo Harmon of the BYU Indian Education Department said BYU will enroll about 256 new freshmen Indians this autumn and total Indian enrollment will reach about 500.

Three popular Indian students are assisting with the preschool course. They are John Rainer, a Taos-Pueblo from New Mexico; Jeff Simmons, a Sioux from Montana; and Betty Henderson, a Navajo from Arizona.

Dean Whetten said the Indian's main problem is that his higher education must be undertaken in modern American society off the reservation, and this involves a major cultural adjustment.

Indians, most of whom are almost totally unprepared for university life, are sometimes overwhelmed by their first campus experience, he said. Once classwork begins, many Indian students are plagued by feelings of inferiority, poor study habits, difficulty in understanding assignments, and low tolerance to pressure.

General Authority To Be Assigned To Fremont

By Les Youd, Reporter

A General Authority of the church will be assigned to the Sept. 12 and 13 Fremont Stake Conference.

The Saturday evening meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Centerville Chapel, will be devoted to a discussion of the church military relations program. In addition to stake and ward leaders, all young men 16 years of age and older are invited to attend this special meeting.

The Sunday morning General Session of the Conference, 10 a.m. at the Oakland Interstake Center, will feature talks by stake leaders and the assigned General Authority as well as special music by the combined ward choirs of the stake.

A very successful stake youth conference under the direction of youth leaders and the stake Aaronic Priesthood-Youth committee was held the weekend of Aug. 23 and 24. More than 250 youth participated in the event which featured youth led discussions, informal fun, a dinner cruise on San Francisco Bay, and a Sunday morning devotional highlighted by testimonies from the youth. Comments such as "the best youth conference we ever had" from both youth and leaders attest to the success of the event.

The month of August saw the completion of a stake sponsored Red Cross gift bag project. About 150 gift bags were turned over to the Red Cross for shipment to Vietnam where they will be distributed at Christmas time among American servicemen serving in that land. Replies from servicemen in previous years indicate that our thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

New personnel serving in stake positions include John Linder as Activity Counselor in the YMMIA and Kathleen Silcox as Inservice Leader for the Primary. John comes originally from Salt Lake City and has served previously as an Explorer leader, Seminary teacher, stake dance director, and counselor to a Bishop. Kathleen has been the Inservice Leader for the 2nd Ward Primary for the past several years.

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Word of Wisdom Dimensions

As the result of Americans being a very weight conscious people (and well we should be) countless diet materials have been published. Much of this material was compiled by opportunists seeking ready revenue at your expense monetarily and physically.

The sincere desire to lose weight has caused many to practice "crash" diets or diets which promise quick results without regard to nutrition. Effects of such diets are easily recognized by the physical degeneration and premature aging. Unfortunately, society measures age chronologically (in terms of years) disregarding the biological age ... condition of the body and mind. You often see people 50-60 years old who look 40-45. Conversely, some people 25-30 years old appear to be 40-45. Why is this? Chronological age doesn't determine one's longevity, but biological age does. People 40-60 who look younger are younger biologically; that is to say, their bodies have not undergone degeneration at society's accepted rate, while those who are 25-35 years old but look older are older physically, because their bodies have degenerated rapidly, causing premature aging with little chance at a long and promising future. While obesity is a known destroyer of mortality, foolish diet programs will cause the same hastened end.

There isn't any easy way to biological longevity. It calls for balanced nutrition (to regenerate) and plenty of exercise (the body thrives and grows strong on exercise). Never feel that age is a deterent to physical fitness. To this regard I offer my personal testimony that at age 42 I run 2 miles, bench press 285 lbs. over my head, feel stronger, and have more endurance than before, active in sports and require 6 hours sleep per night. This is only possible by keeping myself on a program of diet and exercise which anyone could duplicate. To this end I dedicate "Dimensions in Word of Wisdom."

God blessed you with a precious gift. Never underestimate that wonderful body of yours. As you care for it, it will take care of you. So I leave you this month with this suggestion: Now is the season to take advantage of freshly picked fruit. Treat yourself to the delicious benefits of peaches, apricots, apples, cherries etc. Add to this the health producing advantages of green salads mixed with tomatoes, avocados, cucumbers, and celery. Biologically your body will thank you in many ways.

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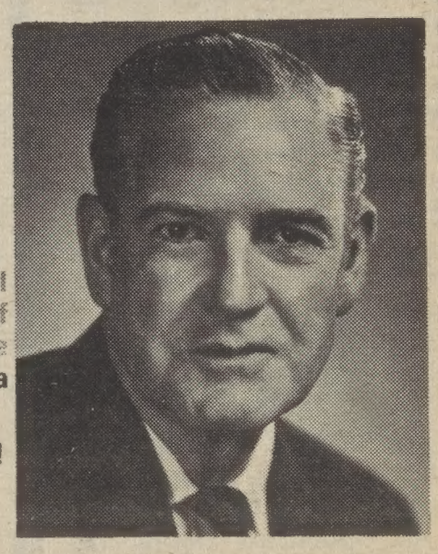


Zone 3 Has All-Church Champ—Tom Jensen

Zone 3 has another All-Church champion ... Tom Jensen of Fremont Ward, who emerged victorious in the All-Church Golf Tournament at Salt Lake City in August.

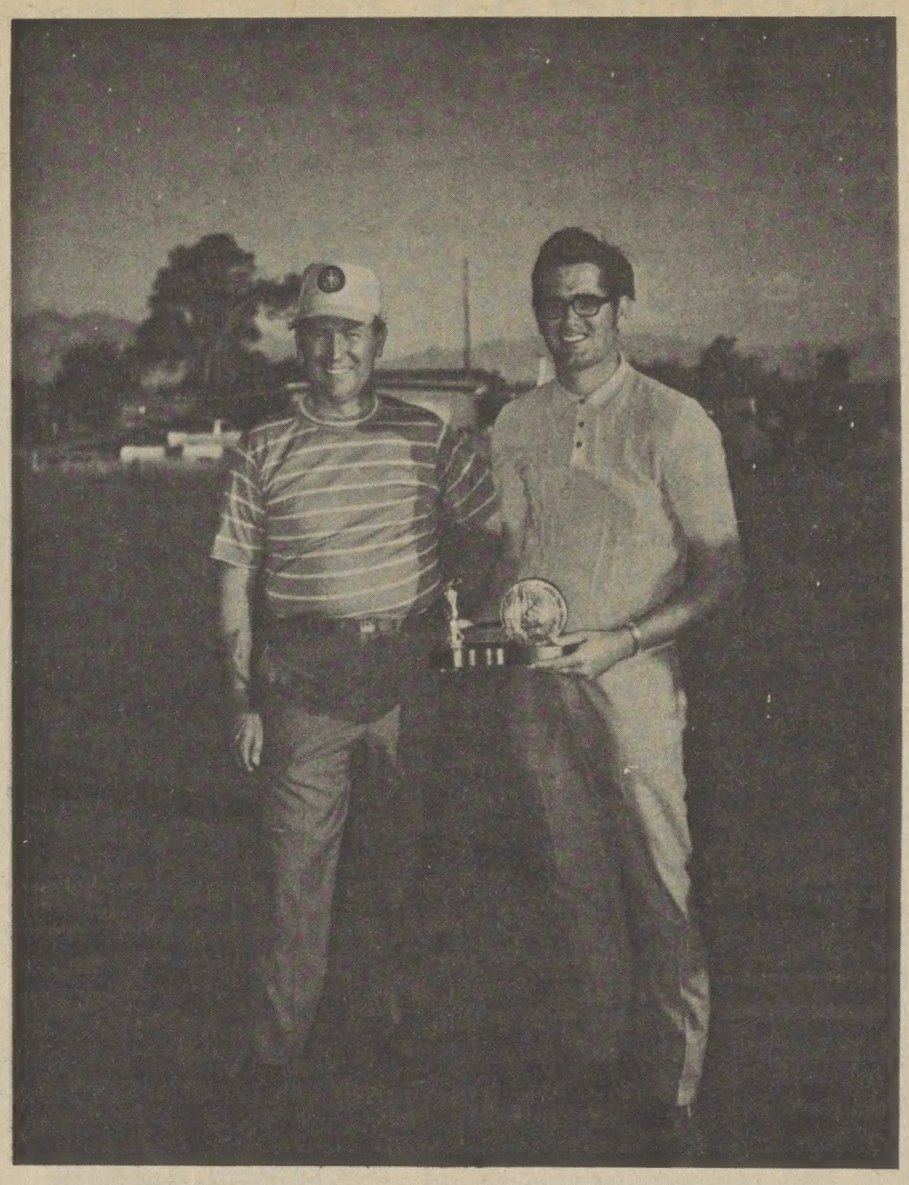
It took a sudden-death playoff to do it, but that's only justice after Zone 3's Lee Robinson of Santa Clara Ward lost the All-Church title last year the same way.

Seemingly out of the running after an opening round 76, which placed him 6 shots behind the leader after the first day's play, Jensen fired a one-under-par 71 in the final round to finish in a tie for first place.

He then won the championship on the first hole in sudden-death with another of his consistent pars.

Even with just nine holes to play, Jensen didn't seem to have much of a chance to catch the leaders. But after pars on the tough 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th holes, he hit a spectacular shot almost still to the pin on the 14th and made the putt for a par.

He followed that up with pars on 15 and 16 and then hit the par-five 17th hole in two, and then two-putted for another birdie to gain the tie. However, on the 18th, he hit his drive into a ditch guarding the right corner of the fairway and all seemed lost.



BILLY CASPER presenting Tom Jensen with the winners trophy on the 18th green at the LDS ALL-CHURCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Alpine Country Club, August 7, 1970.

But going for broke, he tried to hit a nine-iron out and onto the green. When the shot succeeded, he followed it up with two good putts and the tie.

Following the playoff, Billy Casper presented Tom with his well-earned trophy at the 18th green.

When asked about the win, Tom remarked, "of all the tournaments I have won in the Bay Area the past few years, this one meant more to me than any of them. I really wanted to bring this one home to my wife. She would never have forgiven me for spending the money for the airplane ticket if I hadn't won the tournament."

One of the better known amateurs in the San Francisco Bay Area, Jensen is a past winner of the Stanford Invitational, Palo Alto City Championships, low qualifier for the U.S. Open from San Francisco, and a past runner-up in the Oakland City Golf Championships.

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Zone 3 Softball Has Two Teams

By Gary Wood, Sports Editor

Zone 3 was represented in the All Church Softball Tournament the last week in August by two teams from each side of the Bay: El Cerrito-Berkeley Ward, junior slow pitche; Cupertino Ward, senior slow pitch; Walnut Creek II Ward,junior fast pitch; and San Jose 10th Ward, senior fast pitch.

Typically, the zone tournament, played August 13-14 at Patrick Gomer Field in Hayward, was an exciting event, with two of the contests lasting into extra innings for a winner to be determined.

It took Cupertino two extra innings to down Concord III, 11-9, and San Jose 10th scored the only run of the game against Fremont Ward in the second extra inning on a sacrifice fly. El Cerrito-Berkeley defeated Los Altos, and Walnut Creek II was declared the victor over Salinas.

In the finals of the Oakland-Walnut Creek Region playoffs, Walnut creek II defeated San Leandro Ward, 11-5; El Cerrito-Berkeley Ward downed Concord III, 13-2; Concord III (senior slow pitch) triumphed over Alameda II, 10-3; and Fremont was victorious over concord II, 2-1.

Chosen Most Valuable Players in their respective divisions were the following: Junior Fast Pitch, Glenn Perry, San Leandro Ward, Junior Slow Pitch, Alan Faufer, El Cerrito-Berkeley Ward; Senior Slow Pitch, Ron Cline, Concord III Ward; and Senior Fast Pitch, Ron Jensen, Concord II Ward.

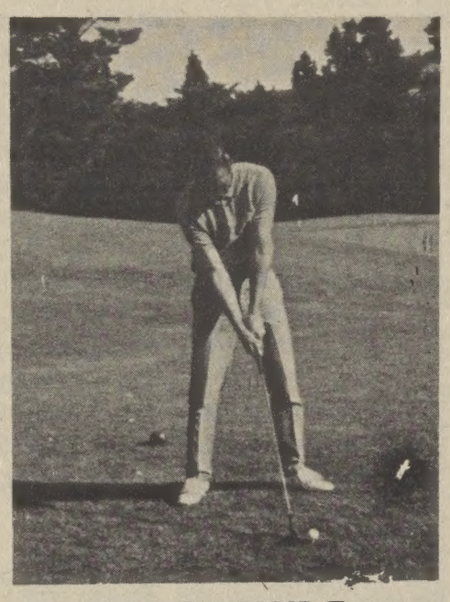
Interesting highlights of the MVP selections:

—Alan Taufer has just one hand, having lost the other in a home accident with a rifle.

—Ron Cline is not a member of the Church.

—Ron Jensen pitched a no-hitter against Pleasant Hill I Ward in the first game of the Region tournament, and struck out 40 opponents during the tourney.

Tennis Spots Still Open



DEFENDING CHAMP Tom Jensen teeing off on no. 1 at Green Hills Country Club.

By Gary Wood, Sports Editor

Tennis enthusaists in the area are invited to apply for spots in a Zone 3 tournament September 25-26 at Chabot Junior College in Hayward.

In order to compete in the tournament, applicants must have reached their twelfth birthday prior to September 1, 1970, and should have participated in a stake tournament, according to zone tourney director Monte Jarman of Fremont.

Additionally, entrants must pay an entry fee of two dollars and must provide one new Wilson Championship heavy-duty ball for each match in the tournament.

Competition will be divided into the following events:

Boys—14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under.

Men—Men's Ranked, 35 and over, 45 and over, 55 and over.

Girls—14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under.

Women—Women's Ranked, under30-doubles, 30 and over doubles.

Also, there will be doubles events for a parent and child 16 and under, for parent with a child over 16, for husband and wife, and for an M Man with a Gleaner from the same stake.

Players will be limited to two regular events plus one additional event in the parent-child, husband-wife, M Man-Gleaner competition. There will be no consolation round.

Those interested in being considered for eligibility for the special tournament should contact their stake athletic director or Monte Jarman, 38952 Emrol Ave., Fremont 94536. Deadline for entries is September 11.

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Ezra Taft Benson Talks At Oakland-Berkeley Conference

Youth of today, we have great hope for you and great confidence in you, said Ezra Taft Benson, member of the Council of the Twelve, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the August 16 general session, Oakland-Berkeley Stake conference.

We recognize, he said, that youth is challenged as never before, often by subtle, devious, diabolical concepts and methods and the present pattern of the world.

Parents and church leaders, he urged, should stay close to these choice spirits . . . and all should live so that there will be no regrets.

There is no happiness in wickedness. Wickedness can bring destruction to body and soul, he warned.

Our Heavenly Father loves us, we are important to Him. He wants us to get the most possible out of this life and to return to His Kingdom, he said.

In another part of his address to a capacity audience in the interstake center, Elder Benson said that the highest calling of woman is motherhood . . . home manager.

He also urged all members of the Church to be good citizens of this great country . . . love this country . . . it is something special. It is the Lord's base of operation in these latter-days.

Also in this vein, he outlined how this country's constitution was inspired and this country was founded in freedom by men raised up for that purpose.

However, he said, this very freedom, this liberty, is being challenged as never before and when the constitution hangs as if by a thread, we will expect you young people of this church to be the balance of power to save that constitution and our freedom.

All of us must have three great loyalties, he charged, God, country and family. This nation will never be greater than its homes.

Other conference speakers were Oakland-Berkeley Stake President Elmo R. Smith and counselors in the Stake Presidency, Lorenzo N. Hoopes and Richard Owens. Also speaking were President Howard of the California Central mission; and two speakers representing the youth chorus of the Temple Hill Pageant, Brother Dennis Smith and Sister Jackie Hilton.

Music from the Temple Pageant, heightened the spirit of the conference and brought from Elder Benson, for the second time in his life, a request to repeat a number. In response, they sang again "Who Am I?". Director of the Stake MIA chorus was Sister Margaret Davis with Sister Judy Billeter as accompanist.

New Singles Program For 25-35 Group

The formation of a new group has been authorized by President Elmo Smith of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake called Mutual Interest 25-35 Singles. The group will include 25-35 singles, divorced and widows who are members of the following stakes: Fremont, Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland-Berkeley, Walnut Creek, Concord, Napa, and Santa Rosa. There will be planned activities and firesides each month.

We pray for the inspiration and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ so as to properly service the Church and our single brothers and sisters.

1. Aug. 30, first fireside is at San Lorenzo Chapel, 859 Grant, at 8 o' clock. Speaker will be Bro. Don Jensen.
2. Sept. 13, fireside at Hayward III Ward Chapel at 8 p.m., 26101 Gading, Hayward. Speaker will be Bro. Art Thomas.
3. Sept. 29, Dance at Castro Valley Chapel, 3900 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley. 8 p.m., informal.
4. Sept. 26, Picnic with party following. Juaquin Miller Park, Oakland, 3 p.m. Party at 26 Littlewood Drive, Piedmont, 8 p.m.
5. Sept. 27, fireside at San Lorenzo Chapel, 859 Grant, at 8 p.m. Speaker will be Bro. Alan Johnson.

For further information, please contact: Ted Holder, 537-6391 and Diane Rose, 538-1525.

Jeffrey Poore on Dean's List

Jeffrey Forrest Poore, son of Forrest F. and Verna Poore of the Oakland Fourth Ward, has been notified that he has made the Dean's List of the College of Social Sciences for the Spring semester, 1970. He was notified August 5, by Martin B. Hickman, Dean of the College of Social Sciences "you are to be commended for such an academic achievement—one which places you in the top four per cent of all the students in our college."

Jeff, was active in the Oakland Fourth ward and completed a mission in Florida. His father is second counselor in the Oakland Fourth Ward Bishopric

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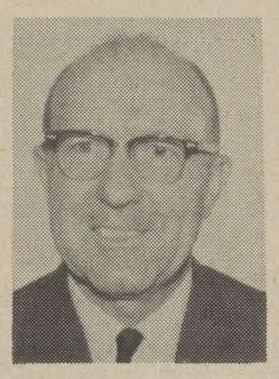

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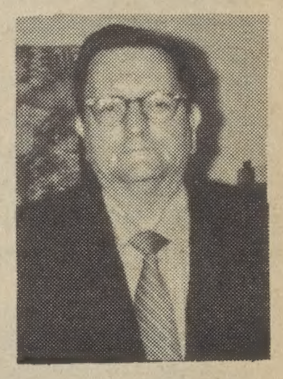

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Close To Home

The Ward News In Review

Hayward 3rd

By Vivian Rogers

Despite the fact that we have had many ward members away on vacation this month, attendance was still good at the monthly ward picnic held Monday, August 17, at Kennedy Park. Each family was to bring their own hamburger and bun for a cookout and then a salad for pot luck. Homemade rootbeer and ice cream bars were furnished by the ward, and lots of fun and games were enjoyed by all present.

Friday, August 14, the ward provided an evening of family entertainment with a Walt Disney movie in the cultural hall. Admission was 10¢ per person. Popcorn and homemade rootbeer were sold at intermission. More movies are planned for later in the year.

Bro. Bill Baucom has been called to serve as Seventies Group Leader with the Paul Richardson family planning to move to the Hayward 4th Ward in September. As a result of this call, the YMMIA was re-staffed. Bro. Gary Blacker was sustained as Superintendent in place of Bro. Baucom, with Reed Hunter and Herman Wagner called to serve as his counselors. In the YWMIA Sis. Linda Bytendorp was released as a counselor to Sis. Florence Hall, and Sis. Beverly Jacobsen was sustained to fill this position. Sis. Jacqueline Zendall has been called to serve as Speech Director and Sis. Sandra Goaslind as Drama Director.

The Don Clement family furnished the program for Sacrament meeting, August 23. This will be their last Sunday in our ward as they are moving to Mt. Pleasant, Utah. We will miss this fine family who have added so much to the ward in the six years they have lived here.

Polynesian

by Merle Laeha

"A PORTRAIT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC" is the theme selected for the Ward's annual luau on September 19th at California Hall in San Francisco. Rehearsals for the show, which will feature authentic songs and dances of Hawaii, New Zealand, Samoa, Tahiti and Tonga are in full swing. Second Counselor in the Bishopric, Moliki Mulitalo, is in charge of the show, assisted by Archie Makaiwi, Clara Alip, Lani Thompson, Whitney Te'o, Dave Malae, Luisa Young and others. Aaron Makaiwi, First Counselor, is in charge of the luau; Bishop Galeai is in charge of tickets and finances.

Return missionaries Pele Scott and Margaret Davidson have been called to serve as superintendent and president, respectively, of the MIA. Margaret returned from her mission in Samoa in January. Pele returned in June. Elder Fatu AhSoon is presently serving his mission in Samoa.

Jerry and Clara Alip recently attended the Genealogical Seminar at BYU. Jerry is High Priest Group Leader in the Ward, with genealogy work as one of his principal concerns, and Clara is Ward Examiner. Approximately 1,000 people registered for the Seminar, including 80 young people ages 12-18. They returned with increased knowledge and enthusiasm for this phase of Chruch work. Their three daughters, Ginger, Rochelle and Vanessa enjoyed living on BYU campus for the week.

Valeria Enomoto, a Laurel active in all phases of Ward activities, attended a Laurel Seminar at BYU on August 22-26. Val was one of three stake representatives involved in planning the Youth Conference held at Moraga on August 28-30. She, Ken Galeai and Diane Roberts sang in the balcony chorus at the Temple Pageant.

Leroy Lavatai, former MIA Superintendent, has been called to serve as Stake MIA Athletic Director.

Hayward

By Phyllis Lagerholm

A very successful bake sale at Southland Mall on Saturday, August 15, gave our girls who went to camp enough money for their last two camp payments which was a total of $112.00. Several booths were set up by various organizations in the Southern Alameda County. Our girls won the trophy and an additional $25.00 for the "Best Booth" and a second trophy for the "Best Baked Bread."

John Shane received his "Duty to God" award August 9th. Dennis Murphy said good-bye to everyone August 16th. He will be serving in the Kansas-Missouri Mission for the next two years. Harley Gold received his call to the Peruvian Mission and said good-bye on August 30th.

Brent Cooper was ordained a Seventy by Elder Ezra Taft Benson. With the new Booster program starting in the area, all Seventys and those assigned the responsibility of teaching members how to keep up with the gigantic move of the Church will have quite a job! All members are now being instructed to do the hunting so that the missionaries can devote their time to preaching the Gospel. On the average, a missionary can only teach two or three discussions a day and the remainder of the time is devoted to tracting. If each member in every ward would invite one investigator to hear the Gospel, there would be no reason for tracting. For more information, call Donn Lagerholm at 538-6544.

Nine Indian children need homes for the school year. If you know of someone who would like to foster a child for the school year, please call the Ward Relief Society Presidency, Sis. Gold at 537-1113, or the Bishop at 538-0131.

Since June, food storage prices have risen 25%. Please add 10% to your forthcoming orders.

Here's a challenge to all Ward Relief Society sisters. The new Theology Study for 1970-1971 will be the Pearl of Great Price. Before the middle of September, read the entire 58-pages. This is a simple task and yet so important. Sis. Mary Stewart will be the Theology teacher again this year. Please support her.

Vera and Les Crocket visited the Hill Cumorah and saw the famous pageant. They were scheduled to speak August 20th. What an exciting adventure!

Attention! All single 25-35 year olds. There is a special group being started for you called the Mutual Interest. Please support us. Call 538-3633 for more information.

Hayward 2nd

By Lynette Maughn

Our senior softball team won the sportmanship trophy in the regional tournament bringing credit to our ward. They were successful in winning the Hayward Stake Crown, and were well into the regional contest making a valiant effort to go further, but, however, lost to

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The New Hayward Institute
by Loraine Scott,
Associate Editor

We go through Seminary every day enlightening the brightening our day at school by adding the warmth and security the gospel brings. But now that we are college kids we no longer need that extra helpandlift for the hard day ahead of us. Or do we? With nearly all the college campuses in an upheaval we need it more than ever and if you need a guide, then please,step this way!

Assuming that we are in the center of the plaza at Chabot Jr. College I would suggest that we turn and face north if we are not already facing that way. Lets go together now towards that intersection we can see. It is the corner of Turner Ct. and Hesperian. We wait for the walk signal and cross the street. On our immediate right we see a gas station and as we pass that, a nursery and after that, a small red brick building, landscaped beautifully with small shrubs and trees. There seems to be lots of parking space around the grounds and two entrances. Lets go in the front door. Before we enter, notice the brass letters on the front "Institute of Religion Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." This is where it is really happening! Upon entering the large glass doors we see a glass cage where Salley Eccles sits most of the time. She is the very capable Institute Secretary. There she is, smiling at us from behind her typewriter. Hi, Sally! Lets go in this first door. It takes us into the combination Lounge/Library which is decorated with books in bookshelves, yellow and orange leather-like furniture, a spacious study table, a studying student and another student busily sleeping.

On your right I'm sure you can't help but notice the large divider door. As we open it it reveals a classroom with all the usual things classrooms are equipped with, such as chairs, blackboards, bulletin boards, a podium and some unusual things that classrooms are not usually equipped with such as a pinao, ping-pong table and a kitchen door. This room is where religion classes are taught, dances are held (using the AM/FM radio and stereo setup built in the wall), meetings are conducted andcrises are subdued.

Leaving the classroom we enter a long hallway and walking towards our left we can enter the more than adquate for any home, kitchen. This about concludes our tour of the Institute building except for the Directors office, the bathrooms and the secretary's office. there is brother Cazier, the director. Lets see if we can talk to him. This building was just recently dedicated, maybe he can tell us a little of the facts about it.

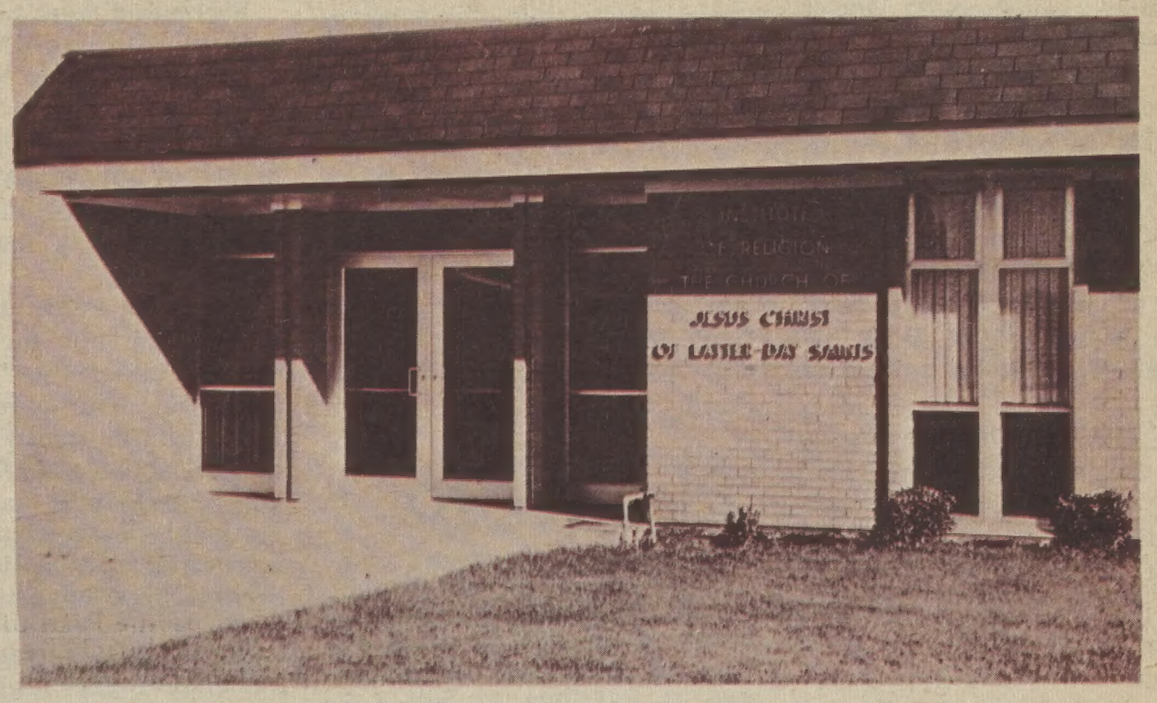
"The Dedication. Ah yes, the 24th of May, 1970. A date long to be remembered. Ezra Taft Benson was here from Salt Lake who spoke and offered the Dedicatory prayer. You know that it is the policy of the church to dedicate to the Lord any and all of our buildings that we use for the furtherance of this work, and we like to believe that the Institute Program does do a great deal of teaching to those that attend. Mike Frye, the LDSSA (Latterday Saint Student Assn.) President, spoke about the first Institute in Moscow, Idaho, in 1826 and showed how we have come along way since that first day. Salley, our Secretary whom you have already met, spoke on the knowledge that can be obtained through attending Institute. I emphasized how we not only are dedicating a building but we are re-dedicating our lives to the progress of the Lord's work. All in all, I think that this dedication will be one of the most well remembered events that will be recorded in the lives of those who attended."

Thanks to Brother Cazier we know what happened at the dedication of the Institute Building and it might be interesting to know a little about the Director of the Institute building, Donald A. Cazier. Brother Cazier is a Idaho-raised Utah-born BYU graduate. He served a mission in Uraguay, came home in 1963 and married Virginia Wicos, his high school sweetheart. They, today, are the proud and happy parents of four lovely daughters and one handsome son Sister Cazier teaches early morning Seminary and along with being Institute Director, Bro. Cazier serves the Newark Ward as a member of the Bishopric. Needless to say, Bro. and Sis. Cazier, are a very busy and happy couple.

Well, now that we know who works here, what the building looks like and how to get here, maybe I ought to tell you what it is for. Since it was dedicated, you may safely assume that it is used for the advancement of the Lord's work here in the last days. The Lord said that "The Glory of God is intelligence" and everyday Bro. Cazier is teaching a class on something pertaining to the betterment of our lives. "Man is that he might have Joy," and every weekend at least one of the activities planned by the M-Men & Gleaners is held at the Institute building. Young people from three stakes come and enjoy each other's friendship and love while they dance to the latest sounds of the rock set. Many fine Temple marriages have developed from the relationships that started at Institute. The Lord gave us many talents and told us to use and develop them and by belonging to the Institute program one is given many chances to serve in a leadership capacity.

Won't you please come and find out where it is really happening. Go to Institute this fall or if you want, go today.

LDS STUDENTS assembly in new Hayward Institute building for dedication. Overflow students adorn tables and doorways.



THE NEW Institute building will provide religious, cultural, sports and social programs for area students.

ASSEMBLING for dedication ceremonies of the new Hayward LDA Institute building are, left to right, Sterling Nicholayson, President of the Fremont Stake, LDSSA director Elwon Lance, Elmo Smith, President of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, and Hayward Stake President D. Ross McClellan.

HAYWARD INSTITUTE instructor and director Don Cazier sits at Elder Benson's left, with LDSSA President Mike Frye to his left.

Alameda 2nd Ward. Congratulations to, Coach Grant Maughan, Nelson Lampe, Jack Patterson, Larry Brown, Paul Berry, Dave Berry, Mike Alexander, Logan Hunter, Bishop Joe Supinger, Glen Banks, Keawe Tafua and Bill McCleary.

Quite an Honor was bestowed upon Kelli Anderson, when she was chosen to participate in the famed "Hill Cumorah" pageant in Palmyra, New York. She reports it was a very Spiritual and memorable experience. Kelli has been attending the B.Y.U.

Alameda

By Ludine De Celle

DOUG MATZ, representing the North High School All Stars, in the recent Shrine North-South Football Classic held in the Colisium in Los Angeles. Doug was also selected to play in the Aloha Senior Football Classic on August 5th in the Honolulu Stadium. Doug plays guard position and is a Priest in Alameda Ward.

AARON LEWIS deCELLE was named and blessed recently at the Alameda Ward by his grandfather Robert E. DeCelle. Aaron is the son of Captain and Mrs. Robert DeCelle II. Captain DeCelle is now in Viet Nam.

JON SLANGERUP and FRED STRUBE were ordained at Elders on 9 August. Fred is in the Navy and is being transferred to the East Coast. Jon has been moved to the Alameda Ward, from Alameda 2nd. Both men are married and have one child each.

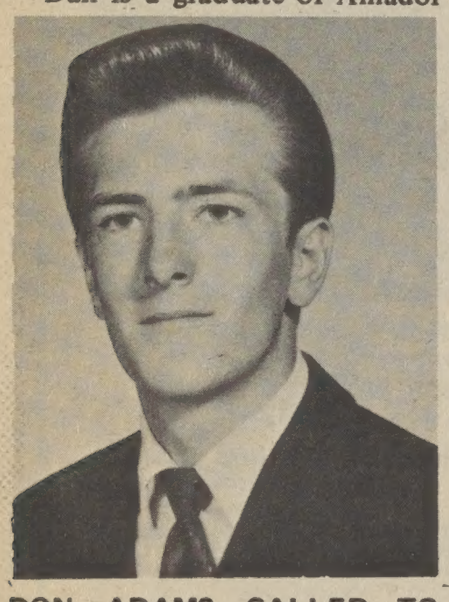
ALMEDA HUGHES, Wife of Don Hughes, has returned home after a short stay in Kaiser Hospital and serious illness. Sister VENICE MORTENSEN also, appears to be improving from her long illness.

Fremont

By Dorothy A. Spoon

DON ADAMS—son of Sister Maxine and Brother John Zawodniak of 711 Old Canyon Road, Frmont, left Saturday Aug. 22 for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, in preparation for his two (2) year mission in the Texas South Spanish Mission.

Dan is a graduate of Amador



DON ADAMS CALLED TO Texas South-Spanish Mission.

Valley High School in Pleasanton, and has had one (1) year at Chabot Jr. College in Hayward. His interests are speech and drama. His most recent participation was his portrayal of Charles Webster in the Temple Pageant "And It Came To Pass." This most inspiring production stirred Dan's most inner emotions to truly be a servant unto The Lord, and thus he received his call to serve on this mission.

The Aug. 16 Sacrament meeting was in honor of Dan, prior to his departure. A special part of the program were the two numbers sung by the Temple Pageant Stage Chorus under the direction of Brother Doyle West of San Leandro. After Sacrament meeting an open house, honoring Dan, was held in the recreation hall of the Mobile Homes at 711 Old Canyon Road, Fremont. Here old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made.

After Dan completes his mission, he plans to continue his education at BYU or Ricks.

Newark

By Anna Lane

James McEvoy is another member of our ward who will be leaving shortly for a mission. He will be going to work in the Delaware area for two years.

Earl McEwen left on August 12th from Salt Lake City for the Andes Mission where he will be working as a missionary for the next two years.

Bruce and Sally Densley and family will be moving into their new home in San Jose the last week of August. We are sorry that they have to leave Newark Ward.

Work is going forward on the Newark Ward building on Haley Street. A number of the ward members have been helping in their spare time by laboring there. If you can't find Bishop Maughan at home then you very likely will find him down there helping in anyway possible.

Vacations, especially during August, have been enjoyed by quite a few members of the ward, we hope to see them all back and active after the first of September all ready for another full year of activities in the ward.

El Cerrito

By Brutus and Linda Ward

The El Cerrito-Berkeley Junior Softball Team won the regional and zone tournaments and is travelling to Salt Lake for the final Church playoffs on August 24 to 29.

In the Regional Tournament the team played and won teams from Fremont, Hayward, and Concord Stakes. For the Bay Area Championship the team played and won the team from Coopertino Ward representing the Palo Alto Stake in the Zone Tournament.

The members of the El Cerrito-Berkeley team are Dale Bell, Gary Cain, Jim Carter, Dave Cluff, Barry Clyde, Keith Hellwig, Mark Hulbert, Robby Hulme, Jim Odegaard, Mike Seegmiller, Cal Smith, Alan Taufer, Vern Terry, Martin Wallace, and Fred Woolf. Each member received a tie pin for the zone playoff and the ward received trophies for winning the regional and zone tournaments. This is the sixth year the team has won the stake championship.

The coaches for the team are Bob Hulbert, Ned Clyde, and Bob Cain. Alan Taufer was voted thy Outstanding Player Award for the Regional Tournament. His batting average was over .600.

Grass Valley

By Esther England

Relief Society President Joyce Gilming announces that Relief Society will hold Work Meetings every Tuesday morning, with the emphasis on fulfilling many orders for their very excellent quilting.

The Singing Mothers hold a practice every Tuesday morning before the Work meeting—Rhea Lott is the Director.

David William Swearingen, son of Howard W. and Eunice Swearingen, is home on leave from the Army, after one year in Vietnam. He will report for further duty at Redstone, Alabama, at the U.S. Missile Base on September 13th. He is Specialist 4.

David graduated from Merced High School, after which he filled a two year mission in Ireland.

David is the nephew of Orville and Bernice Grey of Pleasant Hill Ward.

William F. England, son of John and Esther England, is home on a short leave from the Air Force, with his wife and two young daughters. William is Master Sgt. and has just reenlisted after twenty years in, including three years Marine Corp duty in Korea.

Richmond & Richmond East

By Leola M. Esperson

A Welfare Dinner and Ward Reunion will be held Firday, September 25, 1970 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richmond Ward Cultural Hall. This will be the first reunion ever held in the new ward building at 330 Carlston Avenue in Richmond.

Richmond Ward history dates back to 1914 to the first Sunday School of records held in the home of the late Peter Gengler, and on March 23, 1919, a little branch of approximately twenty members was organized under the direction of the full-time missionaries.

Feb. 4, 1923, the branch became part of the California Mission under Pres. Joseph W. McMurrin. The enrollment by then totaled approximately 25 families and Claude M. Dewsnup was sustained as Branch President. Two years later, all branches consolidated to become part of San Francisco Stake, which included the area from Martinez to Daly City. At one time Vallejo was part of the Richmond Branch.

Arthur L. Hopkins became the second Bishop of the Richmond Ward in 1934, and a year later the lot on Twenty-Eighth and Nevin Avenue was purchased. Construction began the following year and was completed sufficiently by Mar. 28, 1938 to hold meetings. Prior to this time services were being held in rented halls. The ward membership had grown by this time to three hundred members.

Following the release of Bishop Hopkins Feb. 9, 1941, Leon Edlefsen and Timothy Morley served as Bishops. By 1944 the ward population had grown to nearly 1,000 members and was divided with Alma Mortensen sustained as Bishop of the new East Richmond Ward.

With the passing of time, eight more bishops have served the Richmond Ward: Ben Thomas, Wallace J. Wightman, Delbert H. Carman, Ernest W. Henderson, Harold E. DeLaMare, Earl L. Amtoft, William E. Charles, and Harry W. Wilson, Jr.

East Richmond Ward was guided by Bryant Knowlton, Glenn P. Umberger, Chas. V. Finell and Clinton H. Esperson.

This is a special invitation to all of those who have lived in the Richmond and East Richmond Wards to join with us in a special reunion and renew friendships. Suggested family donation—$10.00.

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And spice it with a chuckle and grin;
Then blend in some gobs of affection—
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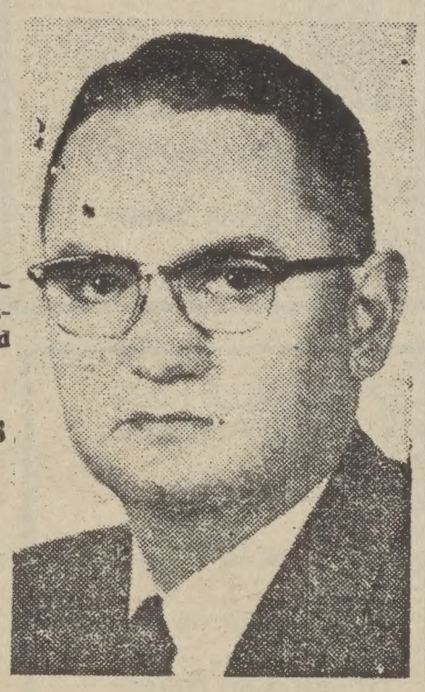

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Teaching Methods For Churches

From the Deseret News

A three-day event to show the availability of teaching materials and methods for Church Programs will be held during the semi-annual conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in October.

The event, the third annual Instructional Media Fair, is along the same line as a program sponsored by the Sunday School General Board during the past two years. However, this year's media fair will be expanded to include most major departments and organizations of the Church and sponsored by the Church Library Coordinating committee, according to Russell L. Davis, media fair chairman.

The event will be held Oct. 1, 2 and 3 in the Salt Palace.

"The purpose of the media fair is to demonstrate to the membership of the Church the value, use, production and availability of instructional media for lessons and activities of the priesthood and auxiliary programs of the Church," Mr. Davis explained.

Organizations to be represented at the event are the Church News, Sunday School, Aaronic Priesthood, Genealogical Society, General Music Committee, Church Magazines and Publications Department, Library, Leadership Committee, Priesthood Home Teaching, Primary, Relief Society, Translation Department, Mutual Improvement Association and others.

The fair also will include commercial booths with displays by companies offering materials available to teachers and others in preparing lessons.

All church members are welcome to the media fair, Mr. Davis emphasized.

The media fair is designed to help instructors prepare anduse aids in formal teaching areas as well as for individual or family use, such as family home evenings, Mr. Davis explained.

Main emphasis of the fair will be directed to the child, youth and adult. For example, materials will be displayed which relate to specific lessons to be given toclasses within these age groups during the next few months.

The term media means the same as teaching aids, but it is a blanket term which covers projectors, visual aid making equipment and items such as chalk and flannel boards, Mr. Davis explained.

A feature of the media fair will be the actual demonstration of a large number of different types of equipment. Equipment on display will include over-head projectors, tape recorders, dry mount presses, movie projectors, filmstrip projectors and other equipment suggested by the Church.

Another attraction at the fair will be the showing of Church films available for rent. A room near the exhibition hall will be used for this purpose. This feature will enable teachers and others to become more familiar with films available which may be suitable as teaching aids.

The media fair also will include a library multi-media show, a media-in-the-round session, how to-do-it sessions, and seminars that range from ideas on using media for maximum effective learning to the actual operation of a movie projector.

One exhibit, for example, to be presented by the Church magazine and publications department, will demonstrate the organization and composition of the three new Church magazines–for the adult, child and youth–and the purposes of each. It also will give readers a "preview" of the new publications.

El Cerrito Ward News

By Brutus and Linda Ward

Vickie Ellinger, wife of Bruce Ellinger and daughter of Mac and Gloria Hughes of Berkeley Ward, was seriously injured in an auto accident Friday, August 14. She is in Walnut Creek Kaiser Hospital.

Sheila Cain, daughter of Bill and Lucille Cain, was hurt seriously in a fall in Morocco. Her parents have gone to Morocco to be with her.

New babies in the ward include Alison Brott, daughter of Ken and Nancy Brott, born July 27, weighing 7 lb. 5 oz., and Benjamin Jared Ward, son of Brutus and Linda Ward, born July 28, weighing 9 lb. 7 oz.

El Cerrito Ward's new time schedule for the fall will be as follows: Priesthood 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Sacrament 5:30 p.m. M.I.A. Tuesdays at 7:30 Primary Wednesdays at 4:00 Relief Society Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

The Main Forum

The Gospel In Perspective

Morgan D. King

Mormon Notes

Spreading The Word...Or Something

One night last week I drove my car intrepidly down Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. Coming to a small shop on a drab, peeling corner, I pulled in and parked.

On the corner a bearded, long-haired hip was waving a Bible at passers-by.

"It says here in the Scriptures that every one of us must be baptized,"he shouted, "and man, we gotta do this thing!"

Around the corner I located a narrow, dirty, odoriferous stairs and ascended to my destination: A missionary meeting with some hippies named Dan and Mary. With me was Elder Kirk, a full-time missionary in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

Mary sat on a mattress in one corner of her pad, and Dan settled down in the half-lotus position on a stringy, stained carpet.

"Man, what are you layin' on me?" he asked.

"Dan, some of the things we're going to tell you will really blow your mind," said Elder Kirk. Elder Kirk's brilliant head of red hair flashed at us as he leaned down to set up his flannel board. The first lesson would cover the Falling Away and The Restoration.

As Elder Kirk proceeded with his presentation, Dan and Mary interjected comments.

"Why is it necessary to belong to a Church?" asked Mary, gently rocking a small baby in her arms. "Here in Berkeley people care about each other, not like down in Los Angeles where we come from. Up here if somebody has problems, we all help."

"The way I see it," said Dan, "everybody belongs to the Church of Christ, you know? They all fit in somehow. I've been visiting Shiloe Temple. They've got some good things, but not everything. I judge a religion by three things: worship, the word of God, and charity."

Elder Kirk smiled.

"Then come and visit our church," he said, "because we have exactly what you're looking for."

Gracefully navigating the question, Elder Kirk concluded the first lesson, which took about 45 minutes. He wound it up by bearing his testimony, and I added a few words. Elder Kirk asked Dan if he would be baptized if he believed the Gospel were true.

"Well, sure. I mean, I planned to be water-baptized real soon now anyway. Why not your church?"

Suddenly a loud siren blasted right next door, and the room filled with flashing lights.

"Man, that's the fire engine next door," said Dan. "I used to sit at the window and watch it go by when I was high on dope. That's wild, you know?"

He paused. Elder Kirk leaned towards the baby.

"Kitchy kitchy coo," he said. The baby frowned.

"The Lord led me off dope," said Dan, "but I may go back. It's better than what the rest of the world has to offer."

Elder Kirk explained to Mary that since this was her home, she could give the closing prayer, or call on one of us to do it. To our surprise she volunteered.

When she was finished, she looked up, smiling.

"I used to be a Mormon, you know."

"We can trace our ancestors back to . . to . . well, I can't remember exactly who, but we've been descending for centuries."

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All alone I stand.
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And smile at me;
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—Morgan

Samuel W. Taylor

Golden Gate Saints

A History Of The Church In Northern California... Part 6

While the excursions to the Los Angeles temple undoubtedly were of great spiritual benefit, some of the conventions and traditions associated with the trip were of a rather baffling nature. There was, for example, the institution of the pre-dawn breakfast. Just who, after finally subsiding into tupor, wants to be awakaned in the pitch blackness for breakfast, was a question for which Joe Budro found no answer. All he wanted was to be let alone for a little rest.

"All out!" the driver called cheerfully, and certainly nothing is more irritating than a cheerful person in the pre-dawn blackness. Joe said he didn't want anything to eat; he'd just stay and rest. "Sorry," the cheerful driver said, "insurance."

Out of the bus, bent and limping, emerged 75 brave Saints. The cafe had been alerted, and knew what to expect, for the first excursion, they'd been ready with two fresh urns of coffee,which they'd had to dump later; now

there were stocked up on milk (nobody had told the Saints that milk, as a beverage, is far more dangerous than coffee, which is another subject).

After breakfast, the bus drove to the temple, and parked. As the square wheels ceased turning, and the thunder of the engine ceased, the exhaust fumes clearing away, Budro closed his blood-shot eyes for a bit of blessed rest. It was not yet six o'clock, and the first session at the Temple wasn't scheduled until 7:45. Peace, it is wonderful.

"All out!" called the driver cheerfully. When Budro protested that he wanted to stay until the temple opened, the driver said cheerfully, "Sorry, insurance."

So 75 miserable wretches crept from the torture chamber to huddle in the line outside the temple entrance for more than an hour in the thin chill.

At last the doors opened, processing began. "We will form two lines," a temple attendant said, "one here for living endowments, and a line over there for the dead."

Budro's wife murmured, "Where's the line for the half-dead?"

That afternoon at four, reeling with fatigue and uncomfortable in the garments he now was wearing, Budro inched onto the bus for the return trip, and began sliding back and forth on the devilish slick rear seat. Of course the bus broke down, on schedule. Of course it didn't get back to Redwood City until four a.m., as usual. But Budro's inability to understand such traditions was as nothing to his surprise at meeting the pilgrims in church a few hours later, bright-eyed and full of zeal.

"Wasn't it wonderful!" "What a marvelous experience!" "A spiritual feast!"

Budro, eyeballs full of sand and rust in every joint, was amazed at the resilience and bounce of his fellow-sufferers in the ordeal, until he realized a simple fact: sacrifice was part of the religious experience; the greater the suffering, the more glorious the reward.

Now it was clear to him. These people liked temple excursions, not despite the travail, but because of it. If it were easy, it wouldn't be half so appreciated.

With the completion of the Oakland temple, the excursions to Los Angeles ceased. But for those who participated (and there were some of iron constitution who rarely missed a month), the excursions seem part of a golden past. Now things are almost too easy. We miss the fellowship that comes from suffering together.

Sketches by Pat Benson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Elder King:

I just finished your July article Mormon Notes, and am very distressed. Could you clear up something for me?

As a child I was always taught a'cola drink . . . such as Pepsi, to be included in our Word of Wisdom . . . as one to abstain from. Our Dear Prophet David O. McKay wrote an article several years back . . . as to the non-use of cola beverages (Era). To my knowledge the contents of all Pepsi Beverages are still the same. If this is so, I think you would be wise to exclude such mention from your writings as it tends to set a poor example. If I am incorrect in my understanding please accept by humble apology . . . as one who was ill-informed.

Thank you,

Sharon Moore Edgecomb
Dublin

Editor's note:

As a moral question, the use of cola is not as staggering as the War in Vietnam, which is what my essay was about. Tell you what; I'll concede your point on Pepsi if you'll concede my point on Vietnam. Deal?

Dear Editor:

Think the new format for the "Messenger" is just great! How about more cartoons and some "controversial" editorials?

M. Belz
Castro Valley

Editor's note:

Thanks for the note. Do you know any good cartoonists? I would love to get ahold of some more. Concerning editorials; We don't publish editorials as such, but I would hope that my essays in Mormon Notes are at least mildly outrageous from time to time.

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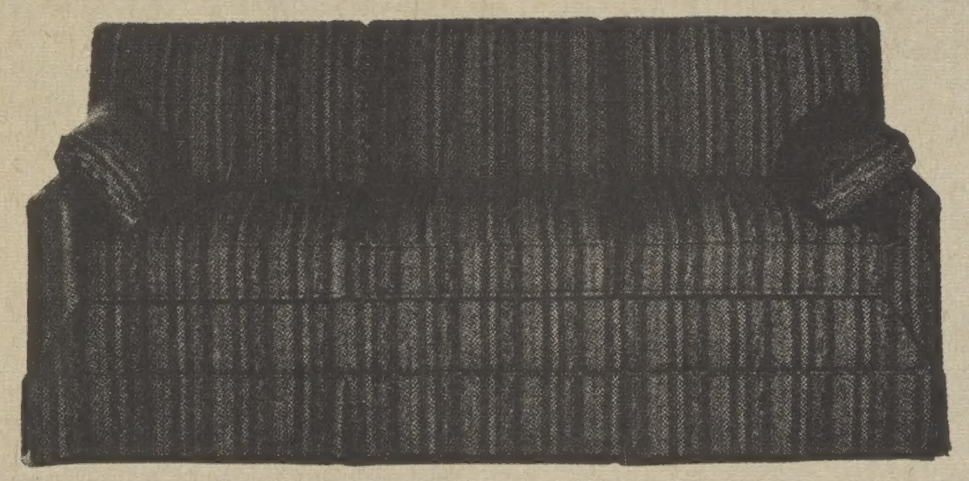

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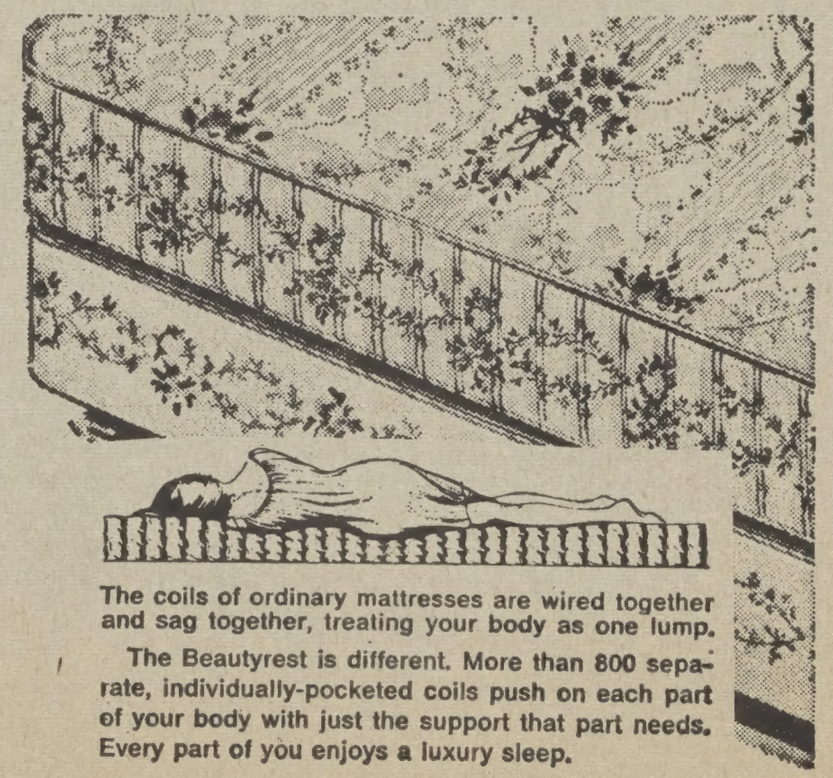

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